

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

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**GENERAL ORDER CONCERNING CONFIRMATION HEARINGS
AND OBJECTIONS TO CONFIRMATION IN CHAPTER 13 CASES**

The provisions contained in this Order shall be applicable to all Chapter 13 cases filed on or after October 17, 2005.

TIMING OF CONFIRMATION HEARING AND ENTRY OF CONFIRMATION ORDER:

The Court has determined it is in the best interest of creditors and Chapter 13 estates to confirm Chapter 13 plans, and thereby commence payments to creditors, as early as is practicable. The Court further recognizes all interested parties must be provided with an opportunity for hearing on confirmation. For these reasons, the Court has determined that if at the conclusion of the meeting of creditors under 11 U.S.C. §341 (hereinafter "the 341 meeting"), there is no unresolved oral or written objection to confirmation, and no oral or written objection to confirmation at a date earlier than the date specified in 11 U.S.C. §1324(b) (hereinafter "expedited confirmation"), the Trustee shall submit the confirmation order to the Court for entry. The confirmation order will be entered by the Court as soon as practicable thereafter, unless the Court, sua sponte, determines the matter should be set for further hearing on confirmation. The Trustee may disburse funds pursuant to the confirmation order as soon as practicable after entry thereof.

OBJECTIONS TO CONFIRMATION AND OBJECTIONS TO EXPEDITED CONFIRMATION:

The deadline for the filing of written objections to confirmation and/or written objections to expedited confirmation shall be three days prior to the date set for the 341 meeting. Any party who has not filed a written objection by this deadline, but desires to preserve its objection, must appear at the 341 meeting and raise its oral objection. The Trustee may continue or adjourn the 341 meeting by oral notice given at the 341 meeting, without further written notice to creditors. Continuance of

the 341 meeting will necessarily include continuance of any pending confirmation issues, and the deadline to object to confirmation and/or to expedited confirmation will be extended to three days prior to the date of the continued 341 meeting.

In any case in which a written objection to confirmation or to expedited confirmation is pending, or in which an oral objection to confirmation or to expedited confirmation is raised at the 341 meeting, and any objection is not resolved by the conclusion of the 341 meeting, the Trustee shall request the case be set for a hearing on confirmation before the Judge (hereinafter "the confirmation hearing"). The confirmation hearing will be scheduled 20-45 days after the conclusion of the 341 meeting. Any party desiring to be heard at the confirmation hearing who has not previously filed a written objection to confirmation must do so not later than eighteen (18) days after the conclusion of the 341 meeting. No objection to confirmation will be considered unless a copy of the objection has been timely served on the trustee, counsel for the debtor(s), and all other parties in interest.

NOTICE OF 341 MEETING AND CONFIRMATION PROCEDURE:

All notices of the 341 meeting will include notice of an opportunity for hearing on confirmation, and will provide the deadline for the filing of written objections to confirmation and/or to expedited confirmation. The notice of the 341 shall also specifically provide that if there are no objections to confirmation or to expedited confirmation, or if all objections are resolved at the conclusion of the 341 meeting, the Trustee will submit the confirmation order to the Court for entry.

Dated this 13 day of October, 2005.



JUDGE NILES JACKSON
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE